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Please add new claims 13-17 as follows:

Claim 13 (Newly added)

A maize plant, or its parts, wherein at least one ancestor of said maize plant is the maize plant, or its parts, of claim 2, said maize plant expressing a combination of traits selected from the group consisting of: high yield for grain, high yield for silage, very hard grain texture, good drydown behavior, good late season plant health and is well suited to the Northcentral United States, Canada, Maritime and Central Europe.

Claim 14 (Newly added)

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A method for developing a maize plant in a maize plant breeding program using plant breeding techniques, which include employing a maize plant, or its parts, as a source of plant breeding material, comprising: using the maize plant, or its parts, of claim 2 as a source of said breeding material.

Claim 15 (Newly added)

The maize plant breeding program of claim 14 wherein plant breeding techniques are selected from the group consisting of: recurrent selection, backcrossing, pedigree breeding, restriction fragment length polymorphism enhanced selection, genetic marker enhanced selection, and transformation.